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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – Major Minerals - Grant of Mining Lease for Manganese over an extent of 81.95 Hects in Sy.Nos.78,91 of Kondapalem Hamlet of Sriramapuram and Sy.Nos.145, 146, 147, 152, 153 & 154 of Koduru Village, Sy.Nos.3, 4, 12 to 31 of Duvvam Villages, Garividi Mandal, Vizianagaram District in favour of M/s Mahalakshmi Minerals for a period of 50 years through e-Auction under Rules 10(5) of Mineral Auction Rules, 2015 - Orders - Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.83 Dated:11.10.2023

Read the following:

1. Govt., Memo No.INC01-MG0MINM/20/M.III/2020, I&C Dept., dt.18.08.2020.
2. G.O.Ms. No. 56, I&C(M-III) Department dt.07.10.2020.
3. From the Hon'ble High Court order Dt.01.10.2021 in W.P. No.22496 of 2021 filed by M/s PM Granite Export Private Limited.
4. From the DM&G, AP., letter No. 3743637/P/Devada/2020, dt.11.10.2021.
5. Govt., Memo No. MEMO.NO.MG0MINM/20/2020-M-III, Dt.25.10.2021.
6. From the DM&G, AP., Letter No.3743637/P/Devada/2020, Dt.04.08.2023.
7. From the DM&G, AP., Lr.No.3743637/P/Devada/2020, Dt.25.09.2023.

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O R D E R:

1. In the Memo 1st read above, Government have accorded permission to conduct e-auction for Manganese over an extent of 81.95 Hects in Sy.Nos.78, 91 of Kondapalem Hamlet of Sriramapuram and Sy.Nos.145, 146, 147, 152, 153 & 154 of Koduru Village, Sy.Nos.3, 4, 12 to 31 of Duvvam Villages, Garividi Mandal, Vizianagaram District.

2. In the G.O 2nd read above, Government have issued orders constituting High Power Committee with Secretary, Ind. & Com. (Mines & Geology) Dept., Prl. Secretary/Secretary, Finance Dept., Secretary to Govt, & CIP., Ind. & Com Dept., Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines & Director (A.P. State-Division), Geological Survey of India, Southern Region, Hyderabad as Members and Officer nominated by O/o the Director of Mines & Geology as Member Convener, to deal with the finalization of the value of the block, fixation of the block eligibility criteria and also the financial and other related matters involved in the e-auction with the terms of reference as specified therein.

3. In the Letter 4th read above, the Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., has stated that the High Power committee met on 10.11.2020 and decided to conduct e-auction for grant of the said Mining Lease for an extent of 81.950 Hectares lease (after considering the allowable buffer margin the area arrived 72.350 Hectares) (as per the DGPS sketch) with reserve price of 5.00% of value of mineral dispatched. Finally, the committee has authorized the Director of Mines and Geology, AP., to conduct auction of Devada Manganese Block. Accordingly, NIT

was issued on 26.05.2021. Out of four participants, M/s PM Granite Export Private Limited i.e. the technically disqualified bidder filed W.P. No.22496 of 2021 before the Hon'ble High Court challenging the disqualification. The W.P. came up before Hon'ble High Court on 01.10.2021 and the Hon'ble High Court passed the orders "any selection of the tender for granting of Mining Lease with respect to the mineral block through auction is subject to result of W.P. and posted the matter on 07.10.2021" vide order 4th read above.

4. While the matter was pending before the Hon'ble High Court, as per the tender schedule e-auction was held on 04.10.2021 and M/s. Mahalakshmi Minerals became the preferred bidder with an offered price of 7.30% of value of the mineral to be dispatched. They were requested to pay an amount of Rs.1,99,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Nine Lakhs only) towards 1st installment of (20%) Upfront price on or before 21.10.2021. M/s. Mahalakshmi Minerals made the said payment. The DM&G, AP., based on the request of M/s. Mahalakshmi Minerals, has requested the Government to issue LoI allotting Devada Manganese Block in favour of M/s. Mahalakshmi Minerals.

5. In the Memo 5th read above, Government have issued Letter of Intent (LoI) for Manganese over an extent of 81.950 Hectares in Sy.Nos.78, 91 of Kondapalem Hamlet of Sriramapuram and Sy.Nos. 145, 146, 147, 152, 153 & 154 of Koduru Village, Sy.Nos.3, 4, 12 to 31 of Duvvam Village, Garividi Mandal, Vizianagaram District for grant of Mining Lease to M/s. Mahalakshmi Minerals, in terms of Rule 10(2) of the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 that they shall be considered to be the "successful bidder" upon certain conditions mentioned therein.

6. In the letters 6th & 7th read above, the DM&G, AP., has clarified that out of the total auctioned area over an extent of 81.950 Hectares, NoC for an extent of 64.670 Hects only was issued by the Tahsildar, Garividi Mandal. However, M/s Mahalakshmi Minerals, Prop: Sri Guduru Sasidhar Reddy has stated that he will conduct Mining operations in the NoC issued area only and he will not disturb the Public structures during Mining operations in the non-NoC area and protect the non NOC area in all aspects. The DM&G, AP., has, therefore, requested the Government to grant the Mining Lease for Manganese over an extent of 81.95 Hects in the said block in favour of M/s Mahalakshmi Minerals for a period of 50 years, subject to certain conditions.

7. Government, after careful examination of the above facts and circumstances reported by the DM&G, AP., hereby grant the Mining Lease under Rules 10(5) of Mineral Auction Rules, 2015 for Manganese over an extent of 81.95 Hects in Sy.Nos. 78, 91 of Kondapalem Hamlet of Sriramapuram and Sy.Nos.145, 146, 147, 152, 153 & 154 of Koduru Village, Sy.Nos.3, 4, 12 to 31 of Duvvam Villages, Garividi Mandal, Vizianagaram District in favour of M/s Mahalakshmi Minerals for a period of 50 years, subject to the following conditions and also subject to satisfaction of all other terms and conditions laid down under MM(D&R) Act, and the Rules made thereunder and also standing instructions and guidelines issued by the GoI and State Government from time to time;

i. The grantee should maintain safety distances to the permanent structures existed in the proposed area for grant as per regulation 109 of Metalliferrous Mines Regulation,1961.

ii. The grantee should not disturb the Public structures during the Mining Operations in the Non-NoC area over an extent of 17.28 Hectares and he should protect the Non-NoC area in all aspects as the LoI issued over an extent of 81.950 Hectares.

iii. The grant of Mining Lease shall be subject to final judgment of Hon'ble High Court of A.P. in W.P.No.22496 of 2021 filed by M/s PMG Granites Exports Pvt. Ltd.

8. The Director of Mines & Geology, Government of A.P., shall take necessary further action accordingly, after satisfying himself that the grantee fulfills all the required terms and conditions as stipulated in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The Director General, Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Jharkhand.
The Regional Controller of Mines, Koti, Hyderabad.
The OSD to Minister(M&G)
SF/SCs.

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